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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALGAR, 11 & 12, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, E. C. GORRISON & CO., 30, Cornhill, GORRISON & CO., 37, Watney Street, E. C. HENDY & CO., 37, Watney Street, E. C. HENDY & CO., 150 & 154, Leadenhall Street, E. C. PARIS AND EUROPE.—GALLIEN & PRINCE, 36, Rue Lafayette, Paris. NEW YORK.—ANDREW WARD, 21, Park Place. AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GORDON, Melbourne and Sydney. SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally.—BENT & BLACK, San Francisco. SINGAPORE, STRAITS, &c.—SAYLE & Co., Singapore. O. HEINZKE & Co., Manila. CHINA.—Messrs. A. A. DE MELLO & Co., Swatow, Quilich & Co., Amoy, Wilson, Nichols & Co., Hongkong, Haughton & Co., Shanghai, LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., and KELLY & WALSH, Yokohama, Lane, Crawford & Co.

Bank.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$5,000,000.
INSTALLED CAPITAL, 2,974,744.75.
RESERVE FUND, \$2,500,000.
INSTALLED CAPITAL, 1,563,361.66.
REVENUE FUND, \$4,063,361.66.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.
Chairman.—A. P. McEwen, Esq.
Deputy Chairman.—D. SASSOON, Esq.
C. D. BOTTOMLEY, Esq.
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Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 1884.
Shanghai, 1884.
London, 1884.

INTEREST ALLOWED.
ON Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.
For Fixed Deposits—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
For 6 months, 4 per cent. per annum.
For 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.
Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.
Hongkong, April 2, 1884.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE PARTNERSHIP between Messrs. STEPHENS & HOLMES having been terminated on the 31st March, 1884, I have this Day REMOVED my OFFICE to No. 18, BARK BUILDINGS, Queen's Road Central, opposite Polder's Street.

MATTHEW J. D. STEPHENS.

Hongkong, April 1, 1884.

NOTICE.

MR. CHARLES ALEXANDER TOMES is authorized to Sign our Name by Procuration, in Hongkong, from this date.

RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, March 24, 1884.

NOTICE.

THE PARTNERSHIP between Messrs. STEPHENS & HOLMES, Solicitors, terminated on the 31st March, 1884, and the Undersigned will continue to practice in his own Name at No. 24, Queen's Road, adjoining the Hongkong Dispensary.

HENRY J. HOLMES.

Hongkong, April 2, 1884.

Intimations.

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

MR. SAMUEL J. GOWER has this Day been appointed SECRETARY to the above Company.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

E. R. BELLIOS, Chairman.

Hongkong, April 1, 1884.

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

MR. THOMAS ARNOLD will act as Secretary of the above Company until further Notice.

E. R. BELLIOS, Chairman.

Hongkong, February 25, 1884.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has been instructed by THE "SANTITAS" COMPANY, LIMITED, of London, with the exclusive SALE of their MANUFACTURES in Hongkong, Macao and Canton, and begs to inform the Public that the said Company will not accept Indenture from the above named places unless received through the Undersigned.

E. F. DE SOUZA.

Hongkong, February 26, 1884.

Intimations.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary MEETING of the MEMBERS of the VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB will be held at the Bath House on TUESDAY, the 8th April, at 6 p.m., to consider the Resolution which has been circulated among the MEMBERS of the Club.

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,

Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, April 1, 1884.

NOTICE.

PARTNER with CAPITAL Wanted by a MERCHANT about to Establish himself in a new Colony, where there is an Excellent OPENING for RIVER NAVIGATION.

Address to 'X. M. Z.'

c/o China Mail Office.

Hongkong, April 5, 1884.

COMPANIA NAVIERA DE FILIPINAS.

CAPITAL, \$500,000.

Divided into 5,000 Shares of \$100 each.

On Allotment \$10 per Share, and the Balance on 30th April, 1884.

PROVISIONAL COMMITTEE.

Chairman: GONZALEZ, T. J. TASON, Esq.

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JOHN OGDEN, Esq.

(Messrs. BIRCHALL, ROBINSON & Co.)

GEO. ARMSTRONG, Esq.

(Messrs. ARMSTRONG & SLOAN.)

Secretary: JOSE JUAN DE YCAZA, Esq.

Bankers: THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

General Managers: MESSRS. BIRCHALL, ROBINSON & Co.

HEAD OFFICE, MANILA.

ABRIDGED PROSPECTUS.

THE above Company has been established at Manila, for the purpose of taking over the Spanish Steamers *LUZON*, *YAPALAN*, *ESPARELLA*, *SOROGON*, *CAVITIN* and *BOLINAO*, all of which, with the exception of the *BOLINAO*, are now employed in the coasting trade of the Philippine Islands.

The Steamers now running are all in perfect order, and having recently been thoroughly overhauled.

After writing off 10 per cent. of the profits for depreciation, and paying 12 per cent. for Insurance, a Dividend of 18 per cent. was paid to the Shareholders in the past year, and it is expected that a still more profitable business will result under the influence of larger Capital and consequent additions to the Fleet.

The New Steamer *BOLINAO*, built by the AMERICAN SHIP BUILDING COMPANY of Philadelphia, and now on her way out, has been specially constructed to enter the shallow waters of Dagupan and Capiz, with a carrying capacity of 250 Tons dead-weight, being the only Steamer in the Philippine trade of her capacity and draft.

The Company will take its own risks of Insurance, for which purpose one-fifth of the paid up Capital will be set aside to meet any loss which may arise.

Considering the handsome result obtained during the past year and the good prospects for future trade in Philippine Islands, combined with the possibility of obtaining a Government subvention in the new mail contracts to be offered next year, it is reasonably expected that a still better result will follow.

The responsibility of Shareholders is limited to the nominal amount of their shares.

Application for Shares should be made on the accompanying form, and addressed to the General Managers.

PHILIPPINE STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

MESSRS. BIRCHALL, ROBINSON & Co., MANILA.

DEAR SIR,

In conformity with the Prospectus of the above Company, I beg to request you to note my application for Shares, or any less number, of \$100 each; the first call of \$10 per Share on those allotted to me, will be paid on presentation of the scrip; and the remainder on 30th April 1884.

Name and address in full

Date

Hongkong, April 4, 1884.

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO PASSENGERS.

THIS Company now grants passages through to London via Manilla, including Continental Railway fares, at the same rate as for the route by sea to London, viz., \$80.

The fare to Marseilles is now similar to that charged to Brindisi or Venice, viz., \$35.

A. McIVER, Superintendent.

Hongkong, March 13, 1884.

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

AMERICAN ORGANS.

With from six to eleven stops, at from \$100 to \$160 each, made expressly to withstand the combined heat and moisture of the Hongkong climate.

PIANOS.

By BROADWOOD, COLLARD & COLLARD and CHAPPEL, always in Stock for Sale or Hire.

PIANOS AND ORGANS AND HARMONIUMS.

Repaired and tuned by a Competent Tuner from Messrs. BROADWOOD & SONS, London.

NEW MUSIC.

Received monthly from Messrs. CHAPPEL & Co., London.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, March 13, 1884.

SAYLE & Co.

EX 'GLENCOE.'

LADIES', GIRLS' AND BOYS' WHITE AND COLOURED STRAW HATS.

SPECIALITIES IN FANCY STRIPED TENNIS FLANNELS.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE, Hongkong, March 18, 1884.

Intimations.

WANTED—A qualified EUROPEAN or AMERICAN SURGEON to proceed on a voyage in Charge of CHINESE EMIGRANTS.

Apply to VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, April 4, 1884.

WILLIAM DOLAN, SAIL-MAKER & SHIP-CHANDLER.

22, PRAYA CENTRAL.

COTTON DUCKS, HEMP CANVAS, MANILA ROPE, AMERICAN OAKUM, LIFE BUOYS, CORK JACKETS, &c., &c., &c.

Hongkong, May 1, 1882.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE FOURTH AND FINAL CALL OF £10 Sterling per SHARE on the 20,000 SHARES, NEW ISSUE of this CORPORATION, will fall due on the 31st DECEMBER CURRENT, in London, Calcutta, Bombay, Shanghai and Hongkong.

REGISTERED SHAREHOLDERS entitled to NEW SHARES, are requested to Pay, at the respective OFFICES, the above Call or its equivalent in the Currency of the above-mentioned places.

PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATES are being issued in Exchange for the First Call Receipts, which are to be surrendered to the Bank.

HOLDERS of PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATES, when paying this Call, will please send same to this Office to be endorsed.

The Rate of Exchange for Hongkong is fixed at 9/8d. or \$63.93 per Share.

Interest at the Rate of 7 per Annum will be Charged on Calls unpaid on the 31st DECEMBER.

By Order of the Court of Directors, T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, December 13, 1883.

HOTEL DE L'UNIVERS.

WYNDHAM STREET, HONGKONG.

THE Undersigned begs to notify the Public of Hongkong and the Coast Ports that he will RE-OPEN

THE HOTEL DE L'UNIVERS on the 1st March.

The whole of the ROOMS have been NEWLY FURNISHED throughout, and there are ROOMS suitable for either MARRIED COUPLES or SINGLE PERSONS.

THE TABLE will be supplied with the BEST of the market can provide.

THE WINES and LIQUORS supplied, both at the Bar and Table, will be of the VERY BEST BRANDS.

GENTLEMEN desirous of taking Meals, such as TIPPINS and DINNERS, can have ALL REQUISITE information by applying to

GEORGE STAINFIELD, Proprietor.

Hongkong, February 26, 1884.

C. L. THEVENIN'S WINE and SPIRIT FOUILLON COMPOSITION

Her Majesty's Ships; The P. & O. S. N. Co.; The Japanese Government; Sole Agent, China, Japan, and Manila, EDWARD GEORGE.

Hongkong, January 24, 1884.

Intimations.

AT HAIPHONG.

A LOUER OU A VENDRE UN TERRAIN port avec les droits de quai, longueur 200 yards, profondeur 100 yards, avec deux maisons et dépendances, éternel, &c.

Plus un terrain sur la rive du canal servant de marché, longueur 50 yards, profondeur 45 yards.

S'adresser à Mr. THEVENIN.

Hongkong, March 12, 1884.

HOP SHING & Co., ENGINEERS, BOILER MAKERS, COPPER SMITHS, BRASS & IRON FOUNDERS, &c., WEST POINT IRON WORKS.

HAVING This Day commenced Business, are ready to undertake the repair of the above Descriptions under the Supervision of an Experienced EUROPEAN. Orders executed with the utmost despatch and at moderate terms.

24th September, 1883.

To Let.

TO BE LET.

No. 2, DOUGLAS VILLAS, CANINE ROAD.

No. 6, UPPER MOSCOW TERRACE. Possession from 1st May.

Apply to DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, April 5, 1884.

TO LET.

A FURNISHED HOUSE on the PRAYA, MACAO.

For Particulars, address 'W. M.' c/o China Mail Office.

April 5, 1884.

GODOWNS-TO LET.

PRAYA EAST and WANCHAI ROAD.

For Particulars, apply to SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, April 26, 1882.

TO BE LET.

A FURNISHED HOUSE in one of the TERRACES.

For Particulars, address 'J. D. B.' c/o China Mail Office.

Hongkong, March 26, 1884.

TO LET.

THE PREMISES now occupied by us, No. 11, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

For further Particulars apply to Messrs. ROSS & Co.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.

Hongkong, August 1, 1883.

TO LET.

No. 268, PRAYA CENTRAL.

Nos. 3, 7 and 8, SEYMOUR TERRACE.

No. 7, GARDEN ROAD (known as 'HARPERVILLE').

No. 4, OLD BAILEY STREET.

Apply to DAVID BASSOON, SONS & Co.

Hongkong, April 3, 1884.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION OF HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

THURSDAY,

the 10th April, 1884, at 2 p.m., at the Residence of Mr. W. P. MOORE, No. 19, Wyndham Street.

THE WHOLE OF HIS HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c., comprising:—

SOFAS, CHAIRS, MARBLE-TOP TABLES, PIANO, PICTURE, DINING TABLE, MIRRORS, GLASS PLATED and CHOCOLATE WARE, BEDROOM FURNITURE, WARDROBE with PLATE GLASS DOOR, &c., &c., &c.

The above will be on view on Wednesday, the 1st Instant.

G. R. LAMBERT, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, April 3, 1884.

For Sale.

NOW ON SALE.

A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT, BY DR. E. J. RITEL.

CHONG OCTAVO, PP. 1018.

HONGKONG, 1877-1883.

Part I. A-K, ... \$2.50

Part II. K-M, ... \$2.50

Part III. M-T, ... \$3.00

Part IV. T-Y, ... \$3.00

A Reduction of ten per cent. will be allowed to purchasers of Ten or more copies.

This Standard Work on the Chinese Language, constructed on the basis of Kanghi's Imperial Dictionary, contains all Chinese characters in practical use, and while alphabetically arranged according to the sounds of the oldest dialect of China, the Cantonese, it gives also the Mandarin pronunciation of all characters explained in the book, so that its usefulness is by no means confined to the Cantonese Dialect, but the work is a practically complete Glossary of the whole Written Language of China, ancient and modern, as used all over the Empire, whilst its introductory chapters serve the purposes of a philological guide to the student.

A Supplement, arranged for being bound and used by itself, and containing a List of the Radicals, an Index, and a List of Surnames, will be published and sold separately.

Hongkong, January 16, 1883.

PUBLICATIONS BY J. DYER BALL.

"CANTONESE MADE EASY"—A Book of SIMILE SENTENCES in the CANTONESE COLLOQUIAL with French and Literal Translations, and Directions for Rendering English Grammatical Forms into Chinese and vice versa.—Price, \$2. Interleaved Copies, \$2.50.

"We most cordially recommend it."—China Review.

"Will be found to supply a want long felt by students of Cantonese."—Daily Press.

"Mr. Ball's Notes on Classifiers and Grammar will be found very valuable."—China Mail.

"EASY SENTENCES IN THE HAKKA DIALECT WITH A VOCABULARY."—Price, \$1.

"The Sentences given appear to be well arranged."—China Mail.

"Contains a wide range of subjects."—Chinese Recorder.

"An extensive Vocabulary."—Daily Press.

FOR SALE at Messrs. KELLY & WALSH'S, W. BAKER'S, and LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.'s, Hongkong; and at Messrs. TAYLOR & Co., London.

Hongkong, January 23, 1884.

THE FOUR LAST THINGS.

FOUR ADVENT SERMONS PREACHED IN HONGKONG CATHEDRAL IN DECEMBER LAST, BY J. S. BURDON, Bishop of Victoria, Hongkong.

Price, 25 Cents.

Copies may be obtained from KELLY & WALSH, LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., W. BAKER, and ST. PAUL'S COLLEGE.

Hongkong, April 2,

7. **Rate**, in inches, tenths and hundredths.

THE CHINA REVIEW.

PUBLISHED MONTHLY.
TENTH YEAR.

THIS Review, which was intended to meet the wants of many students of Chinese literature, has reached its Tenth Year. The Review has been published for ten years, and during that time it has been the object of much notice and interest. It is now published for the Tenth Year, and it is hoped that it will continue to be of service to its readers for many years to come. The Review is published monthly, and it contains a large amount of interesting and valuable information. It is published for the Tenth Year, and it is hoped that it will continue to be of service to its readers for many years to come.

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Hongkong Rates of Postage.

In the following Statements and Tables the Rates are given in cents, and are for Letters per half ounce, for Books and Patterns per two ounces.

Newspapers over four ounces in weight are charged as double, and are, in the case of books, charged as double of the weight of the paper. The Review is published for the Tenth Year, and it is hoped that it will continue to be of service to its readers for many years to come.

Commercial Papers simply sign papers as, though written by hand, do not bear the character of an actual or personal correspondence, such as invoices, deeds, copied music, &c. The charge on them is the same as for books, but, whatever the weight of a packet containing any partially written paper, it will not be charged less than 5 cents.

The sender of any Registered Article may accompany it with a Return Receipt on paying an extra fee of 5 cents.

The limit of weight for Books and Commercial Papers to Foreign Post Offices is 4 lbs. Patterns for such offices are limited to 8 ounces, and must not exceed these dimensions: 8 inches by 4 inches by 2 inches.

Countries of the Postal Union.

The Union may be taken to comprise Europe, all foreign possessions in Asia, Africa, W. Africa, Egypt, Mauritius, all N. America, Mexico, Salvador, Brazil, Peru, Chili, Venezuela, The Argentine Republic, Uruguay, Trinidad, Guiana, Honduras, Nicaragua, Cuba, Haiti, with all Danish, French, Netherlands, Portuguese and Spanish Colonies.

Countries not in the Union.—The chief countries not in the Union are the Australasian Group, and S. Africa.

Postage to Union Countries.

General Rate, by any route.—Letters, 10 cents per 1/2 oz. Post Cards, 5 cents each. Registration, 10 cents.

Newspapers, 2 cents each. Books, Patterns and 2 cents per 2 oz. Comm. Papers, 2 cents each.

There is no charge on redirected correspondence within the Postal Union.

Postage to Non-Union Countries.

Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, and Fiji, via Tientsin, Letters, 10; Registration, 10; Newspapers, 2; Books and Patterns, 2; Comm. Papers, 2; Registration, 10; Newspapers, 2; Books and Patterns, 2.

Natal, the Cape, St. Helena, Ascension, Bolivia, Letters, 25; Registration, 10; Newspapers, 5; Books and Patterns, 5.

LOCAL POSTAGE.

General Rate (Letters) per 1/2 oz. 10 cents. Post Cards, 5 cents each. Registration, 10 cents.

Newspapers, 2 cents each. Books, Patterns and 2 cents per 2 oz. Comm. Papers, 2 cents each.

There is no charge on redirected correspondence within the Postal Union.

Chair, Jinricksha, and Boat Hire.

LOCALISED TARIFF OF FARES FOR CHAIRS, CHAIR BEARERS, AND BOATS, IN THE COLONY OF HONGKONG.

Chairs and Ordinary Pullaway Boats. Half hour, 10 cents. Six hours, 70 cents. Three hours, 30 cents. Day (from 6 to 6), One Dollar.

TO VICTORIA PEAK. Single Trip. Four Coolies, 10 cents. Three Coolies, 8 cents. Two Coolies, 6 cents.

Return (direct or by Pak-fu Lam). Four Coolies, 10 cents. Three Coolies, 8 cents. Two Coolies, 6 cents.

TO VICTORIA GAP (TO LEVEL OF UMBRELLA SEAT). Single Trip. Four Coolies, 10 cents. Three Coolies, 8 cents. Two Coolies, 6 cents.

Return (direct or by Pak-fu Lam). Four Coolies, 10 cents. Three Coolies, 8 cents. Two Coolies, 6 cents.

Local Delivery. 1. All correspondence posted before 5 p.m. on any week day for addresses in Victoria will be delivered the same day, and generally within two hours, unless the delivery should be retarded by the Contract Mail.

2. Invitations, &c. can generally be delivered within Victoria at the private houses of the addressees rather than at places of business, if a wish to that effect be expressed by the sender, otherwise all correspondence is invariably delivered at the nearest place of business.

3. Bachelors who desire to send Circulars, Dividend Warrants, Invitations, &c., &c., all of the same weight, to addresses in Hongkong, Shanghai, or the Ports of China, may deliver them to the Post Office unsealed, the postage being then charged to the sender's account. Each batch must consist of at least ten.

4. Boxholders may also send Patterns to the same places in the same way. Envelopes containing Patterns may be wholly closed, if the nature of the contents be first exhibited or stated to the Postmaster General, as he may consider necessary, and approved by him. Printed Circulars may be inserted in such Pattern Packages.

PAID.—The public is reminded that they in such things as Parcel Post to Europe, &c. Much trouble and disappointment are caused by persistent attempts to send small valuable trifles through the Post. Fans, Curios, Articles of Dress, Fancy Work, and similar presents are continually being refused, the sender having often spent more in Postage than would have paid the freight by steamer. No refund can be made on such parcels of the value of Stamps obliterated before the nature of the contents was discovered.

Local and Indian Parcel Post. 1. Small Parcels may be sent by Post at Book Rates between Hongkong and any of the British Post Offices in China, as well as to Japan, Macao, Peking, the Straits Settlements, Ceylon and India. They must not exceed the following dimensions: 2 feet long, 1 foot broad, 1 foot deep, weight more than 5 lbs., nor be smaller than 3 in. by 2 in. Such parcels may be wholly closed, they bear this special endorsement, PARCELS, containing no letters, but any parcel may be opened by direction of the Postmaster General. In the case of Parcels for India a declaration of contents and value is required, a printed form for which is supplied gratis. The Registration of Parcels for India and Ceylon is compulsory.

2. The following cannot be transmitted, Parcels insufficiently packed or protected, or liable to be crushed (as tin boxes, &c.) Opium, Glass, Liquids, Explosive substances, Matches, Indigo, Dyestuffs, Ice, Meat, Fish, Game, Fruit, Vegetables, or whatever is dangerous to the Mails, or likely to become offensive or injurious in transit.

3. Parcels are as a general rule forwarded by Private Ship, not by Contract Mail Packet. To India they are forwarded by the P. & O. and Indian Mail Packets only, to Ceylon by P. & O. only. No responsibility is accepted with regard to any parcel, unless Registered, and then only to the amount of \$10.

4. The public are cautioned not to confound these facilities with a Parcel Post to Europe, &c., which does not exist.

It is necessary that the following rules be strictly observed.

1. No Letter or Packet, whether to be registered or unregistered, can be received for Postage if it contains gold or silver money, jewels, precious articles, or any thing that, as a general rule, is liable to Customs duties.

2. This Regulation prohibits the sending of Patterns of detachable articles, unless the quantity sent be so small as to make the sample of no value.

3. The limits of weight allowed are as follows:—Books and Papers—to British Offices, 5 lbs.; to the Continent, 4 lbs. Patterns—to British Offices, 5 lbs. if without intrinsic value; to the Continent, 4 lbs., 8 oz.

Indemnity for the Loss of a Registered Article. The Post Office is not legally responsible for the safe delivery of Registered correspondence, but it is prepared to make good the contents of such correspondence lost while passing through the Post, to the extent of \$10, in certain cases, provided:—

1. That the sender duly observed all the conditions of Registration required.

2. That the letter was securely enclosed in a reasonably strong envelope.

3. That application was made to the Postmaster General of Hongkong immediately the loss was discovered, the envelope being invariably forwarded with such application unless it also is lost.

4. That the Postmaster General is satisfied that the loss occurred whilst the correspondence was in the custody of the British Postal administration in China, that it was not caused by any fault on the part of the sender, by destruction by fire, or shipwreck, nor by the dishonesty or negligence of any person not in the employment of the Hongkong Post Office.

5. No compensation can be paid for more damage to fragile articles such as portraits, watches, handkerchiefs, bound books, &c., which reach their destination, although in a broken or deteriorated condition.

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Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked A., near the Kowloon shore B., and those in the body of the Harbour or midway between each shore are marked C., in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section. 1. From Green Island to the Gas Works. 2. From Gas Works to the P. & O. Co.'s Factory. 3. From P. & O. Co.'s Factory to the Harbour Master's Office. 4. From Harbour Master's Office to the P. & O. Co.'s Office.

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